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1. Since the beginning of May 1952, the Buckau-Wolf plant at Magdeburg has been using large quantities of material for the manufacture of tank parts. The following are manufactured: sprocket wheels, tank tracks, armor plates, turret tracks, turrets. Rocker arms and bushings for heavy tanks will be manufactured; at present, they are made only by Krupp-Gruson.
2. The production rate appears to be high. For armor plates alone, up to 65 tons of iron are used daily. The plates are from 6 to 8.5 cm thick and range in size between 1,000 and 1,200 mm long by 600 to 700 mm wide.
3. Buckau-Wolf also manufactures engines of 100 to 380 HP. The air and water cooled engines of 160 HP will be manufactured on an assembly line. These engines are mounted on a frame which is also manufactured in the works. The engine is provided with a coupling and is adapted for high speeds. The plans come from the BMW works at Eisenach.
4. Castings are also manufactured after BMW plans, which allegedly are intended for a so-called nitrol (sic) rocket.
5. The engines of larger horsepower (380 HP, for example) are mostly delivered to the Soviet Union or Poland. The entire number of engines produced by Buckau-Wolf in May 1952 was about 350 (by count of engine blocks).

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